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In re Application of: Sagner et al.

Application No.: 09/823,712

Group Art Unit: 1655

Filed: March 30, 2001

Examiner: Chakrabarti, Arun K.

For:

METHOD FOR DETERMINING

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☐ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM.						140	\$			280	\$		
						TOTAL	\$		OR	TOTAL	\$	0.00	

Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 26, 2001, please enter the amendments below and consider the remarks which follow in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith are Exhibit A ("Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims") and Exhibit B ("Claims Pending After Entry of Instant Amendment").

Applicants are submitting this response prior to the shortened statutory period set to expire on February 26, 2002. Accordingly, this reply is being timely filed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 15-17:

- 15. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein said polynomial fit is of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th or 7th degree.
- 16. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein said polynomial fit is of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th or 7th degree.
- Swb84 17. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said DNA-binding dye is Sybr® Green 1.

Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 8-14 to read as follows: